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## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of ) MAIL STOP PETITION  
Maurice L. James )  
Patent No.: 6,820,692 )  
Issued: November 23, 2004 )  
For: BENTONITE NODULES )

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.183**  
**REQUESTING THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF 37 C.F.R. § 3.81 BE WAIVED**

Mail Stop Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.183 requesting that the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 3.81 be waived, so that the name of the assignee on the face of U.S. Patent No. 6,820,692 can be corrected to list Benterra Corporation.

The assignment document was filed on February 13, 2002, assigning interest in the above-referenced patent to Benterra Corporation. Benterra Corporation is now located at an address of 6001 Bollinger Canyon Rd, San Ramon 94583-2324. The assignment document to Benterra Corporation was recorded by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 7, 2002, at Reel 012558 and Frame 0656.

On the issue fee transmittal form the assignee name was incorrectly listed as Chevron U.S.A. Inc., and thus, the face of the patent incorrectly lists the name of the assignee as Chevron U.S.A. Inc.

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Accordingly, Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.183 to request that the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 3.81 be waived and that a certificate of correction be issued in U.S. Patent No. 6,820,692, correcting the name of the assignee to Benterra Corporation.

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In support of this Petition, Applicants provide the following:

- (a) the correct name and current address of the assignee is Benterra Corporation, located at an address of 6001 Bollinger Canyon Rd, San Ramon, California 94583-2324;
- (b) a copy of the Certified Assignment Record on file with the US Patent and Trademark Office;
- (c) the assignment is recorded at reel/frame 0012558/0656;
- (d) the fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h); and
- (e) a Request for Certificate of Correction.

Please contact the undersigned at (703) 838-6663 if there are any questions concerning this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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